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**AMENDMENT**

S I R:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of January 29, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 9, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 13 without prejudice, as follows:

1. (Amended) A micromechanical component, comprising:  
a supporting body;  
at least one at least partially unsupported membrane connected to the supporting body; and  
at least one stabilizing element provided in an unsupported area on some areas of a surface of the at least one membrane, wherein the at least one membrane extends unsupported and continuous over an entire recess etched in the supporting body, and the at least one stabilizing element is positioned between the supporting body and the at least one membrane.

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an Amendment.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please use Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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